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LOK SABHA

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PLIGHT OF ELEPHANT CORRIDORS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any study to look into the plight of Elephant Corridors in National Parks and surrounding forests particularly in Jim Corbett National Park and its surrounding forests; and

(b) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to repair/renovate the Elephant Corridors?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) Some studies have been carried out by the Wildlife Institute of India, Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History (SACON), Kerala Forest Research Institute and the Forest Departments in some States regarding the status of elephant corridors. The Wildlife Institute of India, has in particular, undertaken the study of elephant corridors in the Corbett − Rajaji landscape.

(b) The Central Government provides financial assistance to the major elephant - bearing states in the country under the centrally sponsored scheme 'Project Elephant' for demarcation, protection and development of corridors. Funds have also been provided to some states for acquisition of private and community land to secure and consolidate some known elephant corridors. The State Governments are also being provided financial support under various centrally sponsored schemes for eco-development activities to reduce biotic pressure on the elephant corridors. Protection and monitoring of elephant corridors is included in the perspective plans of various elephant reserves.